

**Henry Bouquet to George Washington, August 10, 1758, with Rates for Liquor, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.**

**FROM COLONEL HENRY BOUQUET.**

REAS TOWN CAMP 10th. Aug: 1758

DEAR SIR

Capt. Possey's Company is marched upon the Road, and as the Small Pox broke out some days ago in your Regt. I have Sent them all wth. Col. Stephens over Allegheny Hill: The first Batt. of Pensilvania will follow them and we shall have about 1200 Men in the distance of 36 miles.

The Road will be cut to morrow night to the foot of the mountain, where different Parties are to join to cut the Gap, and join the Division wth. Col Stephens.

I have Sent you Provisions, and the Waggon Master has his Directions for his Load, I beg of you to give the necessary orders to expedite that Convoy, Sir John has wrote you upon it and given directions for the forrage to be issued to the Waggoners.

Your men have lefft their Coats here, but as this Expedition goes on So Slowly, I am afraid the Winter will overtake us, before you can get your Cloathing again; for my Part I have Sent for the Coats of the R. A.<sup>1</sup> and make them wear them: Please to give your orders to

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L Col Stephens on that Subject. They could be lefft at Loyal Hanning our first deposite and would be at hand at all Events.

Besides the two Waggoners Scalped and the two missing, one of our Escorts was attacked the Same day had two men wounded, but lost none: another man riding down was shot thro' the thigh: but Saved by immediate assistance: I hope that Some of those rascals will fall in wth. Some of our Parties.

We have lost 50 of our Indians, but I don't look on them to be of great Service if we are once over the Mountains, which will Shortly be the Case.

As our Troop of Light Horse is too much harassed by continual Service, I desire you will Send me half of Capt. Stuart's Troop, with one or two of his Officers, as you may think necessary to take care of them.

I expect daily the General or his orders to march my-Self to Loyal Hanning : We find happily less difficulty in opening the Road than we imagined. To this moment the choice of Roads has not contributed to retard the Expedition: The artillery horses are So harrassed that they can not move for 8 days.

No Letters nor News from the Settlements — a Letter from Boston 24th. July makes no mention of Louisburg, which I do not like.<sup>2</sup>

5600 men under the Comand of Brig. General Stanwix are marched to the Carrying Place upon Mohawk River, to oppose a great Body of french coming down that Way.

Please to write to Mr. Walker to Send us as soon as possible a Supply of Cattle: The Calculation upon Paper will Starve us.

If the Tools from Fort Frederic are Sent to Cumberland, Send them to us.

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I am Dr. Sr. Your most obedt. hble servant HENRY BOUQUET.

If you have any miners Please to order them here<sup>3</sup>

*A Copy of the Prices & Rates of Sutlers Goods & Liquors Settled at Reas Town Augt. 10th. 1758. By Order of Colo. Bouquet Commanding Officer*

Prices & Rates at Reas Town Loyall Hannon the Ohio £ " S " D £ " S " D £ " S " D Madeira  
Wine pr. Gallon... 0 " 18 - 0 " 1 " 0 " O 1 " 2 " O Vedonia do " do ... - 11 - -11 - - 12 - West  
India Rum do... ...10... ...11.6 ...13... Spiritsdo... ...12... ...13.6 ...15... Shrubdo... 1..7...  
1..10... 1..13... Shrub Punch for 3 Pints... ...2.3 ...2.3 ...3... Fruit dodo... ...2.3 ...2.3 ...  
3... Sangoreedo... ...2.3 ...2.3 ...3... Mimmdo... ...1.3 ...1.6 ...1.10 Single Refind Sugar  
pr lb. ...2... ...2.3 ...2.6 Brown do...do... ...1.3 ...1.6 ...1.9 Hard Soapdo.. ...1.4 ...1.7 ...  
1.10 Tamarindsdo.. ...2... ...2.3 ...2.6 Candlesdo.. ...1.6 ...1.9 ...2... Shoes pr Pair ...8...  
...9... ...10... English Cheese pr Pound... ...1.6 ...1.9 ...2... Chocolate...do ...2.6 ...2.10  
...3.2 Coffeedo ...1... ...1.11 ...2.2 Bohea Tea..do ...12... ...13... ...14... Writing Paper  
pr Quire ...2... ...2.3 ...2.6 Mustard pr Bottle ...1.9 ...2... ...2.3 Pepper pr Pound ...5... ...  
5.6 ...6... Wine Vinegar ...10... ...12.6 ...15... Cyder..dodo ...3... ...4... ...5... Salad Oyl  
pr Bottle ...5... ...6... ...7... Indian Blankits 1..0.0 1..2.6 1..5... Pigtail Tobacco pr Pound...  
...1.6 ...1.9 ...2... Leaf..do..do 9 ...1... ...1.3 Prick..do..do 9 ...1... ...1.3 Butterdo ...1.3  
...1.6 ...2... Gammonsdo ...1.1 ...1.3 ...1.6 Smoak'd Beef..do ...1... ...1... ...1.2 Neats  
Tongues.do ...1... ...1.3 ...1.6 American Cheese do 10 ...1... ...1.3 Whiskey pr Gallon ...  
5... ...6.6 ...8... American Rum do ...5... ...6.6 ...8...

Dry Goods to be Sold at 25 pr ct. at Reas Town allowing 4d. pr Pound for Carriage to  
Reas Town 50 Pr. Ct. at Loyall Hannon & 75 pr Ct. at the Ohio upon the Invoices and all  
Charges to Reas Town.

All the Suttlers are to provide a Dinner & Supper for the Officers of the Corps to which they  
belong (they giving in their Rations & paying Sixpence a day for Cooking and Likewise for  
what Liquor they Drink

Signed JAMES BURD Colo. 2d B. P. R. *President* & approved by me HENRY BOUQUET

1 Royal Americans.

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2 "I could wish most sincerely that our accounts from the northward were clearer, and more favourable than they appear to be. If you have any intelligence from Ticonderoga I should be extremely thankful for the account thereof. We have expected hourly to hear that Louisburgh is in our hands. Pray Heaven, we may not be disappointed at last." — Washington in reply, August 23.

3 "No tools are yet arrived from Fort Frederick, nor have we any miners at this place: There were one or two pretty good ones in my own company; and where that company is you best can tell." — Washington's answer.